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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,8-11,16-18 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7,12-15,19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2-3, 12-13, and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding to claims 2-3, 12-13, and 19-20, it is unclear as to what is meant by "registration irrecoverably fails". The claims fail to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Clarification is needed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

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4. Claims 1, 8-11, 16-18, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mustajarvi et al (US Patent 6,661,782 B1).

Regarding to claims 1, 11, and 18, Mustajarvi discloses an access system (fig. 1), comprising a plurality of mobile nodes MS and access nodes GGSN (fig. 1 col. 7 lines 53-59); a first gateway node SGSN for interfacing said access system with external networks 13 (fig. 1 col. 8 lines 1-6); a first mobility entity VLR which is associated with said first gateway node SGSN and arranged to provide macro mobility management services (i.e. location update or paging requests) to the mobile nodes MS while registered to a respective part of the access system (fig. 1 col. 8 lines 27-33), each mobile node MS being able to perform a macro mobility registration to the first mobility entity VLR over a respective dedicated access network connection established by opening an access network protocol context at a first access node GGSN and the first gateway node SGSN (fig. 1 col. 8 lines 34-41), the first gateway node being arranged to monitor the macro mobility registration (col. 9 lines 57-61; the SGSN monitor for change in routing information (registration) when MS move to new cell or new SGSN), to trigger a deletion of any access network protocol context which is no longer necessary on the basis of the result of the registration (col. 10 lines 30-34; when the MS move to a new SGSN, the old SGSN (first gateway node) deleted the MM and PDP contexts based on the registration message received from the HLR).

Regarding to claims 8, 10, and 16, Mustajarvi discloses the macro mobility management is Internet Protocol-type (col. 8 lines 42-47) and wherein said mobility

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entity associated with the gateway node is a foreign agent (col. 7 lines 27-33; the VLR acts as the foreign agent).

Regarding to claims 9 and 17, Mustajarvi discloses the access network protocol context is a packet protocol context (col. 34-41).

Regarding to claim 21, Mustajarvi discloses the gateway node can be integrated into the same physical node with said access node (col. 8 lines 50-51).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-7, 12-15, and 19-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc T. Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-3122. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00 AM-5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Q. Ngo can be reached on 571-272-3139. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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